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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 6 and 7.

Please cancel claim 10.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A device for carrying out the minimally invasive withdrawal of blood from an animal by using blood-sucking assassin bugs, the device comprising:

a first receptacle comprising a perforated outside wall and a moveable partition, and within which an assassin bug is may be positioned such that the assassin bug is able to suck blood from the animal, the receptacle comprising a movable partition to hold capable of holding the assassin bug in place against a location on the perforated outside wall, such that blood can be removed from the abdomen of the assassin bug using an injection syringe; and a second receptacle connected to the first receptacle, wherein the at least partially perforated outside wall of the receptacle forms a there is an at least partially perforated common separating wall between the first receptacle and the second receptacle,

wherein an the assassin bug may be is located in the first receptacle and the animal is located in the second receptacle, and the animal is may be held against the at least partially perforated common separating wall in the second receptacle by a movable disk, so that the assassin bug can be positioned against the animal and can withdraw blood from the animal, and, once the blood has been withdrawn, the assassin bug can be held in place against a second the perforated outside wall of the first receptacle by the movable partition and blood can be removed from the abdomen of the assassin bug using an injection syringe.

7. (Currently Amended) A device according to Claim 6, wherein the first receptacle is a hollow cylinder, and wherein the first receptacle comprises a piston rod on the opposite end surface on which the movable partition is arranged.

8-10. (Canceled)

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11. (New) A device according to Claim 6, wherein the second receptacle comprises a moveable disk, by which the animal is held against the at least partially perforated common separating wall.